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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Hon. Commissioner of
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January 29, 2002

Sir:

Applicant submits herewith information of which he is aware, which believes may be material to the patentability of any claim and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56.

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists.

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The prior art references are set forth below and on the Form PTO-1449.

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An abstract is enclosed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of the relevance of documents not in the English Language.

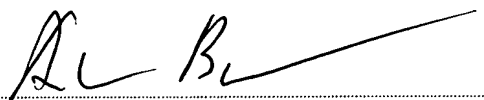
The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner give full consideration to the information disclosed herein, make it of record in this Application, and complete and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

In compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97, this information is submitted before the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits. No fee is due.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

Authorization is hereby given to change any necessary fees in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 04-2219. Referencing our Docket Number 12396.

Respectfully submitted,



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